

10 – Numbers 20-21 – Salvation**Trust in God's plan for salvation****The end of an era**

... their time of travel will be over.

... if the people of God have learnt what it means to trust God.

Numbers 20:3 ... they wished they had died

'complain as we have always complained'

A problem of trust

... Moses and Aaron failed to trust God.

Psalm 106:32 "rash words"

Deut 32:51 "you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites".

Numbers 20:24... rebelled against YHWH's commands.

God had told him to speak to the rock... but he spoke to the people.

He hit the rock twice.

"must we bring you water out of this rock".

Learning to trust God

... attacked by the Canaanite king

... at Hormah.

Numbers 14

... Amalekites and the Canaanites had defeated them and beaten them back to Hormah.

More Complaining and lessons in trusting

Num 21:5, "detest this miserable food".

God kept showing them how to trust him rather than always complaining to him.

If they trusted what God said ... they would be healed by God.

... eventually became an object of worship in and of itself. (see 2 Kings 18:4)

Numbers 21:16 ... God graciously provides for them water

... God showing his people they can trust him as he protects them and fights for them.

Deuteronomy 2:24 - 3:11.

For us today

1) A greater salvation is on offer

John 3:14-15, *“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.*

Qu: Are we prepared to look only to Jesus for our salvation?

2) A warning about replacing God

... the tendency to worship the things God gives rather than the God who gives them to us.

Qu: Is your allegiance... your worship... your devotion given only to God?

3) A whinging heart or a trusting heart

... seem to be self absorbed

... seem to resent God's plan

Qu: How do we guard our hearts?

My one thing